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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I need your answer to a very important question. Does bullet CE 399 have six grooves or four grooves?

I know you've examined and photographed the bullet in the National Archives; I saw your photos of it in Post Mortem, but it was hard to make out the number of grooves.

The reason I ask is that a fellow researcher has informed me that the Mannlicher-Carcano has a four-groove barrel, older photos of CE 399 depict six grooves, but the bullet now in the National Archives has only four grooves. Recent photos taken of the bullet also show only four grooves. A large photo of CE 399 in 'Pictures of the Pain' seems to show three full grooves on one side, and presumably three on the other.

I hope you can clear this matter up. Thanks,

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